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In re Application of:

Michael Yip

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AGGREGATE MULTIPLE VLANs IN A  
METROPOLITAN AREA NETWORK

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[37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) / MPEP § 708.2, VIII]

This document is a supplement to a previously submitted petition on February 15, 2002 to advance the examination and processing of the above-identified patent application. This supplement is submitted pursuant to a telephone conference on Monday, April 8, 2002, with Examiner Reginald Bragdon to correct the omission of the Applicant in the previously submitted petition to comply with the special examining procedure set forth in the MPEP § 708.02, VIII.(B) regarding making an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

Accordingly, the Applicants submit that the claims presented in the above-referenced application are believed to all be directed to a single invention. Should, however, the Office determine that all of the claims are not obviously directed to a single invention, the Applicants hereby state that they will make an election without traverse to satisfy the prerequisite to the grant of special status. MPEP § 708.02, VIII.(B).

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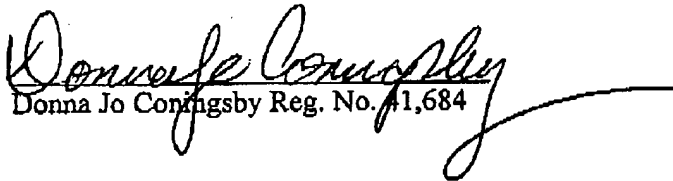
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In view of the foregoing, the Applicants submit that they have taken the appropriate steps to comply with the special examining procedures set forth in the MPEP. Advanced examination and processing of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested per MPEP § 708.02, VIII. If a telephone conference would facilitate the processing of this petition, the Examiner is invited to contact Donna Jo Coningsby at 503-684-6200.

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